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U. OF M., MORRIS ENROLLS 29 FRESHMEN

Mary Louise Vogel, 17-year-old Henning, Minnesota, high school honor student, Thursday was sporting a crewcap inscribed "UMM- '64" as the first freshman to enroll at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Miss Vogel, daughter of the James Vogels, and 28 other students from 14 schools in this area, were enrolled as UMM's charter class Thursday night at a meeting of the West Central Educational Development Association.

The meeting was held on the Morris campus where the University will open a new college branch next fall.

(Morris will continue for a time as a highschool level School of Agriculture, and indefinitely as a University Experiment Station.)

Miss Vogel, whose home town is 65 miles northeast of Morris in Otter-tail County, stands first in Henning's senior class of 47 students. Miss Vogel intends to major in English and minor in a foreign language.

Besides awarding caps to the 29 charter freshmen, the Development Association presented a \$2,000 check to Theodore H. Fenske, associate dean of the University Institute of Agriculture. The check, part of more than \$58,000 raised by the Association to help get the new University branch under way, will finance services of a counselor at Morris until he goes on the regular University payroll July.

Rodney A. Briggs, acting UMM dean, said a counselor is being sought.

Last night Briggs reported to residents of Morris and surrounding communities on college courses planned for next fall. First-year courses will include offerings in Science, Literature and the Arts, plus many pre-professional subjects, Briggs said.

The University has called establishment of a Morris branch experimental, and has said experience will determine whether it should be a two-year or four-year college.

Having the freshman caps read "UMM-'64", Briggs said, does not necessarily imply that Morris will be a four-year college, but that the students "are starting college to finish".